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4. Hymn, congregation.
5. Scripture Response.
6. Anthem by choir, "Nazareth," by Gounod.
- 7) Scripture Reading, Book of Revelation.
8. Hymn, congregation.
9. Prayer.
10. Announcements and Offering.
11. Sermon by pastor, "The Birth of Jesus."
12. Anthem by choir, "Sing, O Heavens," from the Cantata, "Star of the East," J. S. Fearis. Benediction.

At the evening service the children of the Sunday school will give their entertainment. There will be a Christmas tree for the smaller children.

A "White Gifts for the King" service will be held in connection with the children's entertainment at the evening service. The entire Sunday school and church will take part. It is designed to help every one who witnesses it to a deeper appreciation of the spirit of Christmas.

The time of the evening service has been changed for the Christmas service to 7:00 p. m.

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True Detective Stories

BROKEN GLASS

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WHEN Sergt. John F. Brennan of New York's police force reached Sixty-ninth street and Park avenue shortly after the accident which caused the death of John McHugh, he found practically nothing which could come under the head of "evidence."

McHugh, it appeared, had been driving along in a light buggy, shortly after dark. An automobile, speeding from behind, had struck the buggy and smashed it to bits, killing McHugh instantly. Apparently the only living witness to the tragedy was the horse, but, as Brennan said, "there's no way of makin' a horse talk."

So the sergeant set to work to collect what bits of evidence he could gather from the surrounding street.

Caught on one of the spokes of the buggy wheel, where it had evidently been torn off by the force of the collision, was a nickel-plated lamp rim bearing the name of the "Ham Lamp Company, Rochester, N. Y." That and a small fragment of automobile tire about three inches in length, appeared to be the only results of the damage which the automobile had suffered.

But Brennan figured that, as the lamp rim had been torn from its socket, the lens of the lamp would naturally have been shattered, so he set to work to pick up the bits of glass. When he returned to headquarters that night he brought with him an envelope containing twenty-one pieces of glass, together with the nickel rim, the buggy spoke on which it had caught and the jagged piece torn from the automobile tire.

"What are you going to do with that junk?" inquired his associates on the force. "If Sherlock Holmes had had those he could have told you the make of the car, the complexion of the man who was driving it, the license number and how many gallons of gas there was in the tank—but, outside of a book, what good are they?"

"Maybe none at all," admitted Brennan, "but if you'll use some brains when you look at 'em you'll note several things that may be of help in locating the car that killed McHugh and drove off into the night. I never did see much stock in the Sherlock Holmes stories—it's easy enough to fix it so that your hero can solve a problem that you know the answer of—but here's one case in which I think that his deductive theories will come in pretty handy."

"See that smudge?" and the sergeant held up the jagged spoke and pointed to what appeared to be a worn place on the wood toward the end which had been nearest the wheel. "At first I thought it was merely where the paint had worn off and the wood showed through. But the rest of the buggy was spick and span. Only a few days out of the shop. So I examined it more carefully and found that it was a bit of gray paint scratched off the body of the car itself!"

"Take that lamp rim, now. There are fourteen cars on the market that are equipped with lamps made by that company. So that reduces the number of suspects that much more. We've got to look for a gray car of one of those fourteen makes, which eliminates more than 70 per cent of the cars in the city."

"But what about those pieces of glass? What are they goin' to tell you?"

"Eventually, the name of the man who owned the car," replied Brennan. "There are three kinds of glass there—one plain glass, one mirror lens and one concave-convex lens. If you'll fit 'em together you'll see that the car carried eight-inch gas headlights and six-inch oil sidelights. Therefore it was an old model. The bit of rubber was very evidently ripped off a four-inch tire. Now, you members of the traffic squad, what kind of a car answers those specifications?"

"A 1909 Packard, model 18," came in a chorus from several of the men who had been trained to recognize the make and model of an automobile from the appearance of its headlights.

"Right!" snapped Brennan. "Old Sherlock Holmes wasn't so far out of the way after all. Now all we have to look for is a 1909 model Packard, painted gray, with at least one gash along the paint on the right side and badly in need of repairs. The headlights are gone, so the car couldn't have traveled very far. Get after the garages around Sixty-ninth street and we ought to have our man before morn'ng. I've done enough work for one night and I'm perfectly willin' that one of you boys should have the credit for the arrest!"

It was less than an hour later that the headquarters' phone rang and Brennan was notified that the owner and driver of the car had been arrested and had confessed, giving as an excuse the fact that he hadn't seen McHugh's buggy until he had been right on top of it and then it was too late to stop the machine. But the fact that he had driven on, without stopping to see what damage he had caused, was enough to convict him of manslaughter and send him to the penitentiary for an extended visit—all on account of a few pieces of glass, a bit of rubber and a smudge of paint, plus the ingenuity of the detective who successfully wove these objects into the strongest kind of a chain of evidence.



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